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TOWN OF NEWTON

WALTON

R E P O R T

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The past year has been one of marked success and progress in our schools. Much credit is due to our prudential committees for securing the services only of those who have a good reputation as teachers, or who give promise of becoming such. If we are to have good schools, we must have good teachers. Our teachers, as a class, have not only been well qualified, but earnest, faithful and skillful workers; who have rightly appreciated and honored their noble calling. The kind, firm, yet winning manner of these teachers had a moulding influence on their pupils, which readily secured and retained the hearty co-operation of all, but especially of the older scholars.

When teachers and scholars are thus working together in harmony and sweet accord, parents and patrons of education will not withhold their hearty support and encouragement. When these three factors, good teachers, good scholars and interested citizens, are all united and combined in their councils and efforts to make our schools most efficient for good, the best of results will be secured. This has been the happy experience in the working of our school system the past year, to a very commendable extent. To substantiate the statements above made I have

only to appeal to scores of competent witnesses who have visited our schools, either in term time or at the closing examination.

Districts Nos. 5 and 6 have procured for their schools the complete school charts, and have found them very useful in the hands of competent teachers. Can not, will not, the other districts follow their noble example?

It seems desirable, also, for the accommodation of teachers, that every school-room should at least be supplied with a complete list of text-books, authorized to be used in our schools.

Brands' Elementary Treatise on Physiology and the effects of Stimulants and Narcotics on the Human System, has been introduced into our schools as an authorized text-book, and it is earnestly recommended that special attention be given to this branch of study as it is one of vital importance to every person, young or old. It is a study, too, which the more advanced scholars in our schools highly enjoy as was most happily illustrated by a large class in school district No. 6.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Harriett D. Gordon, of New Ipswich, was in charge of this school through the entire school year. She came to us well recommended and fully maintained her reputation as a judicious manager, a thorough and faithful teacher, illustrating in a very clear and attractive manner the elements of all branches. Both teacher and scholars are deserving of much credit for the good order and success of the school.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy for one term—Alice M. Barrett, Gustie M. Barrett, Mabell E. Barrett, Maggie

D. Cheyne, Mary E. Elliott, Julia J. Elliott, Gertrude L. Wilson, Chester L. Leonard, James Cheyne.

Two terms—Abbie F. Barrett, Mamie J. Rhodes.

Three terms—Jennie D. Leonard.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Summer term was taught by Ada M. Clarke, of Wilton, who showed remarkable tact in teaching and governing a school. Any district that secures her services will be fortunate. The second term, and a part of the third, were in charge of Minnie Mitchell, and ill health alone prevented her carrying the last term to a successful close. The balance of the term was taught satisfactorily by Ozro Hodgman.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Neither absent nor tardy for one term—Warren Elliott, Jerry McCuddy, John McCuddy.

Three terms—George L. Tarbell.

DISTRICT NO. III.

The first and second terms of this school were taught by Jennie A. Shattuck, of Brookline, who, though this was her first experience in teaching, gave good satisfaction, and promise of making a very successful teacher. George W. Bailey, of New Ipswich, had charge of the winter term and did a work creditable to himself and profitable to the district.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent nor tardy for one term—Carrie E. Elliott, Eliza E. Elliott, Oscar T. Elliott.

Two terms—Kittie Blood.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

This school of two terms only was in charge of M. B. Cumnock. Though the number of scholars has been small in this school, the untiring energy and fertile ingenuity of the teacher has more than made up for any lack of numbers and inspired her pupils with commendable enthusiasm for study. The school has been a decided success.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent nor tardy for one term—Myrtie B. Adams.
Two terms—Lizzie M. Adams.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Lura M. Elliott had the charge of this school for the three terms. She had taught here before, but she would be welcomed back again could her services be secured. Both the teacher and scholars, at the commencement of the year, seemed determined to do their best, and they succeeded admirably. The closing examination, a large number of friends in and out of the district being present, proved to be an occasion of special pleasure and satisfaction. May this school never fall below its present standing.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent nor tardy for one term—Lizzie M. Adams,
Melvin E. Barney, Arthur P. Farrar.

Two terms—Bertha H. Newell, Hattie C. Hosmer, Ida J. Morse, Mary E. Farrar, Cora F. Barney, Charles A. Thomson, Freddie E. Jackson, Willis H. B. Hosmer.

Not absent or tardy for three terms—Anna J. Thomson,
Alice J. Morse.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

This district, though fortunate in securing the services of good teachers in years past, has seldom been more highly favored in this respect than the past year. The first and second terms were in charge of Mary E. Knox, and the third by Emma E. Hayward, of Ashby, Mass. With teachers of so much culture and scholars such as this district furnishes, we were looking for the best of results, and our expectations have been fully realized. Without making any comparisons, we can safely say this district stands high in point of scholarship.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANIEL GOODWIN,

Superintending Committee.

March 2, 1885.

Districts.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Terms.	Weeks.	Wages per Month.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Reading and Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Other Studies.	Boynton Fund.	Town Appropriation, Literary Fund, etc.	Amount for each District.
1	B. F. March.	1	Harriet D. Gordon.	1	8	\$34 00	32	28	32	32	32	5	8	5	\$191 52	\$ 67 43	\$258 95
2		2	" "	2	8	34 00	34	28.4	34	34	34	5	8	6			
		3	" "	3	10	38 00	34	25	34	34	34	5	11	11			
2	Levi Mitchell.	1	Ada M. Clark.	1	8.8	28 00	10	8.26	10	8	10	3	5	3	74 48	136 90	211 38
		2	Minnie E. Mitchell.	2	9	28 00	13	9.85	13	13	9	7	9	2			
3	Luther A. Blood.	3	" "	3	10.1	28 00	11.5	11.4	12	12	11	6	7	3			
		1	Jennie A. Shattuck.	1	10	26 00	12	6	12	11	5	2	3	4	53 20	158 18	211 38
		2	" "	2	10	26 00	12	10	12	10	4	1	2	2			
4	W. A. Adams.	3	George W. Bailey	3	10	32 00	11	7	11	11	4	1	1	1			
		1	M. B. Cumnock	1	9	28 00	4	3.36	4	4	4	2	3	11			
2		2	" "	2	13	32 00	10	8.25	10	10	10	1	8	10	21 28	223 81	245 09
5	H. B. Hosmer.	1	Lura M. Elliott	1	10	30 00	17	15	17	16	16	4	6	16			
2		2	" "	2	8	31 00	18	16.45	18	17	16	7	7	15	85 12	142 04	227 16
		3	" "	3	10	32 00	19	17	19	18	18	6	7	12			
6	L. H. Robbins.	1	Mary E. Knox.	1	9	28 00	12	11.5	12	10	9	8	9	17			
		2	" "	2	8	28 00	15	13.25	15	13	15	10	10	22	74 48	161 75	236 23
		3	Emma E. Hayward	3	11	30 00	19	17	19	17	19	14	14	24			

Fractional District joined with Greenville, ... \$75 03

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Amount in hands of the Trustees January 1, 1885,
\$10,000 ; loaned to the First Congregational parish,
Natick, Mass., at five per cent. interest, payable semi-
annually.

Number of scholars, May 1, 1884, between the ages of
five and fifteen, in town, 94.

Amount of money appropriated, \$500 08
Amount per scholar, \$5.32, divided among
the several school districts in town,
as follows :

	SCHOLARS.	SHARE.	
District No. 1,	36	\$191 52	
" " 2,	14	74 48	
" " 3,	10	53 20	
" " 4,	4	21 28	
" " 5,	16	85 12	
" " 6,	14	74 48	
			\$500 08

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE WHITAKER,
TREASURER.

MASON, February 12, 1885.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

AMOUNT OF POLLS AND PROPERTY TAXED.

Number of polls, 172,	value,	\$17,200 00
“ “ horses, 135	“	8,795 00
“ “ asses and mules, 2	“	40 00
“ “ oxen, 24,	“	1,634 00
“ “ cows, 303,	“	10,109 00
“ “ other neat stock, 61	“	1,241 00
“ “ sheep, 17,	“	74 00
“ “ hogs, 8,	“	130 00
“ “ carriages, 19,	“	1,250 00
Money at interest,		20,720 00
Stock in trade,		6,357 00
Buildings not designated,		320 00
Real estate,		266,486 00
Total of real and personal estate,		\$334,356 00
Number of male dogs, 43,		\$43 00
“ “ female dogs, 12,		24 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION.

For Schooling,	\$800 00
State tax,	712 00

For County tax,	\$518 34	
Town charges,	1,000 00	
Highways,	600 00	
School-house tax, Dist. No. 1,	50 00	
“ “ “ “ 3,	17 00	
Dog tax,	67 00	
		\$3,764 34

MONEY RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN

Of State Treasurer, bounty on wood-		
chucks,	\$39 80	
Of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	28 71	
Of State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	437 78	
Of State Treasurer, literary fund,	76 16	
Of Record Building Committee,	5 00	
Of County,	6 16	
For Centennial Book,	70	
For use of Town Hall,	10 00	
		\$604 31

FOR SCHOOLS.

	Appropriated.	Expended.	Now due.
District No. 1,	\$258 95	\$258 95	
“ “ 2,	211 38	211 38	
“ “ 3,	211 38	205 66	\$5 72
“ “ 4,	245 09	191 54	53 55
“ “ 5,	227 16	224 00	3 16
“ “ 6,	236 23	222 00	14 23
Fractional Dist.,	75 03	75 03	
	\$1,465 22	\$1,388 56	\$76 66

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Timothy Russell,	\$40 00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	\$712 00	
County tax,	518 34	
		\$1,230 34

BOUNTIES.

Paid bounty on 398 woodchucks,	\$39 80
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TRUSTEES OF BOYNTON FUND.

Paid Luther L. Barrett,	\$2 00	
Charles A. Elliott,	2 00	
Levi W. Mitchell,	2 00	
George Whitaker,	2 00	
Henry B. Hosmer,	2 00	
		\$10 00

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Nelson Blake,	\$4 00	
M. H. Nutting,	3 19	
S. N. Barrett,	2 45	
Jason Russell,	3 38	
A. E. Chase,	10 50	
True Robbins, work in 1883,	10 50	
L. H. Robbins,	2 79	
		\$36 81

BREAKING ROADS IN 1883-4.

Paid Horace K. Hodgman in 1881,	\$1 50
John Melloy,	1 65
John R. Newell,	75
Abel S. Farwell,	83
Alvah E. Farwell,	90
Daniel Dailey,	1 12
Albert Warner,	70
Otis Robbins,	2 62
M. R. Hodgman,	3 90
Frank N. Ingerson,	1 50
Thomas Fitzpatrick,	2 57
William J. Baxter,	9 60
Daniel Goodwin,	3 00
Levi W. Mitchell,	13 49
Thomas Jackson,	1 57
William A. Adams,	12 97
Clarence R. Reynolds,	1 05
Fowler Briggs,	5 00
Albert H. Wilson,	9 37
Nelson Blake,	6 65
S. N. Barrett,	17 25
M. V. B. Elliott,	1 28
Samuel Tarbell,	8 17
Veron Eaton,	7 65
Timothy Russell,	3 00
William Webber,	8 25
E. H. Russell,	15 29
H. B. Hosmer,	5 10
J. A. Wilson,	2 22
J. S. Spalding,	5 25
W. R. Gilman,	1 23
L. H. Robbins,	2 25
	\$157 68

FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid J. H. Dixon, for Mrs. D. A. Hill,	\$8 87	
H. B. Hildreth, goods for John Win-		
ship,	6 16	
M. R. Hodgman, wood for Mrs. J.		
Russell,	3 75	
Hartshorn & Whitney, goods for		
Mrs. D. A. Hill,	36 00	
E. Holden, for boarding Mrs. F.		
Barrett and child,	11 57	
C. A. Wood, for attending Mrs. F.		
Barrett's child,	2 00	
Dixon & Claflin, goods for Mrs. D.		
A. Hill,	19 50	
J. H. Tucker, goods for Mrs. D. A.		
Hill,	11 99	
B. G. Livingston, cutting wood for		
Mrs. J. Russell,	5 96	
L. H. Robbins, for assisting Mrs. J.		
Russell,	7 25	
		\$113 05

INCIDENTALS.

Paid John Allenson, care of town house	
in 1883,	\$2 00
M. V. B. Greene, for printing re-	
ports, collector's book, town	
warrants and surveyor's books,	20 91
Timothy Russell, for moving foun-	
dation for Record building,	5 00
W. E. Barney, stationery for the	
town,	88

Paid W. E. Barney, for material and building fence around the town house,	\$53 86
A. E. Chase, repairs on road machine,	20 30
B. F. March, work in cemetery,	3 00
B. F. March, for work on McDonald's road,	16 10
John Allenson, care of town house,	3 95
A. L. Tarbell, for making culvert and putting on railing,	3 75
C. E. Marsh, for order blanks,	75
L. P. Nickerson, for railing road and repairing culvert,	11 40
John Hadlock, for road machine,	256 25
Freight on road machine,	9 15
H. K. Hodgman, services as building committee,	15 50
James Russell, services as building committee,	11 50
C. B. Goodwin, services as building committee,	11 50
C. A. Wood, for returning births and deaths,	2 50
R. B. Boynton, returning births and deaths,	2 00
C. B. Goodwin, for reporting births and deaths,	4 80
J. P. Wright, for sawing wood,	75
S. N. Barrett, for non-resident highway tax paid surveyors,	100 93
B. F. March, for working non-resident highway tax,	14 92
H. B. Hosmer, for working non-resident highway tax,	12 15

Paid J. A. Wilson, for one-half cord of wood,	\$2 00	
B. F. March, school-house tax, Dist. No. 1,	50 00	
L. A. Blood, school-house tax, Dist. No. 3,	17 00	
L. H. Robbins, working non-resi- dent highway tax,	5 67	
H. B. Hosmer, for cleaning up in front of town house,	3 35	
H. B. Hosmer, for railing road,	3 00	
		\$664 87

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1881,

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN FOR LAST YEAR.

Paid John DeMott,	\$ 85
John Ford,	85
Jeremiah Kellier,	85
William Nolan,	85
Thomas Parker,	85
John Lynch,	85
Timothy McShea,	85
Joseph McDonald,	85
Daniel McCarty,	85
Michael McCarty,	85
Patrick Kelley,	85
John Lufkin,	85
Napoleon Degalier,	1 20
Joseph Bastile,	1 20
Peirre Gillorlles,	1 20
Prospere Gelarlles,	1 20
Lewis Farrain,	1 20

Paid Frank Chepenea,	\$1 20	
Clement Ferrain,	1 20	
		\$18 60

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1884.

Paid Alfred Brown, dog tag, no dog,	\$1 00	
William Webber, over seventy,	92	
Walter Fessenden & Son, over-tax,	6 00	
William J. Baxter, over-tax,	1 12	
Abby Childs, over-tax,	2 68	
Jason Merrill, railroad stock, no val.	14 47	
Oren A. Hamblett, over-tax,	7 30	
Robert Denning, not taxable,	99	
William Conner, “	99	
David Michiel, “	99	
Robert Oswald, “	99	
Joseph Cooper, “	99	
John Humphrey, “	99	
—— Philbreck, left before collected	92	
Robert Michiel, under age,	99	
James Dailey, not found,	92	
Daniel Dailey, paid in Fitchburg,	92	
		\$43 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid M. R. Hodgman, selectman for 1883,	\$3 00
L. A. Blood, selectman for 1883,	3 45
C. B. Goodwin, supervisor,	7 00
M. L. Barrett, supervisor,	7 50
B. F. March, supervisor,	12 00
C. B. Goodwin, town clerk,	25 00

Paid H. B. Hosmer, town treasurer,	\$25 00	
S. N. Barrett, collector,	40 00	
W. O. Haskell, selectman,	54 50	
W. E. Barney, selectman,	54 50	
J. S. Spalding, selectman,	68 00	
		\$299 95

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Eliza A. Smith, note and interest,	\$538 75	
Luther A. Blood, " " "	110 57	
Charlotte Elliott, on note,	41 25	
R. P. Robbins, interest,	16 25	
Rhoda M. Barrett,	190 25	
		\$897 07

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN FOR 1883.

Paid R. M. Wallace, counsel, 1882-3,	\$50 00	
G. P. Elliott, for wood,	2 50	
G. P. Elliott, for shoveling snow,	1 20	
		\$53 70

BILLS PAID BY THE TREASURER AND NOT REPORTED LAST YEAR.

Paid Record Building Committee,	\$75 00	
M. V. B. Greene, for printing report, etc.,	17 75	
		\$92 75

RECAPITULATION.

For Schools,	\$1,388 56	
School committee,	40 00	
State and county tax,	1,230 34	
Bounty on woodchucks,	39 80	
Trustees of Boynton fund,	10 00	
Repairing highways,	36 81	
Breaking roads,	157 68	
Support of the poor,	113 05	
Notes and interest,	897 07	
Abatement of taxes,	43 18	
Abatement of taxes for 1881,	18 60	
Orders drawn by selectmen, 1883,	53 70	
Town officers,	299 95	
Incidentals,	664 87	
		\$4,993 61

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Charlotte Elliott, March 1,	\$313 96	
Note to R. P. Robbins, March 1,	340 63	
School money unexpended,	76 66	
		\$731 25

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Balance in Collector's hands,	\$39 56	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	257 30	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1883,	32 50	
Due from the county,	16 96	
		\$346 32
Balance against the town,		\$384 93

We notice that the board of 1883 reported school money paid, \$1,393.77, while the facts show only \$1,291.86 having been paid, showing a difference of \$101.91. The treasurer's account shows that he paid \$92.70 more than the selectmen's report shows to have been paid by them, leaving \$9.21 unaccounted for.

On the reconsideration of the vote to build a Record building, at the last March meeting, it was voted that the money appropriated for said building, amounting to about four hundred dollars, be used by the selectmen towards paying off the town debts, but the money was not to be found as it had been used for town purposes before said vote was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. S. SPALDING,
WM. O. HASKELL,
WM. E. BARNEY,

Selectmen of Mason.

MASON, March 2, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1885.

RECEIVED.

To Cash in Treasury March 1, 1884,	\$461 56
Received of Timothy Russell, former Collector,	28 82
Edwin S. Spalding, Col- lector for 1883,	372 50
Samuel N. Barrett, Col- lector,	3,263 19
Selectmen,	605 51
George Whitaker, Treas- urer of Boynton Fund Committee,	500 00
	\$5,231 58

PAID.

By Orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$4,974 28
Cash in Treasury,	257 30
	\$5,231 58

H. B. HOSMER,
Treasurer.

MASON, March 2, 1885.

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